

**GOV. EASLEY ANNOUNCES 'BOOZE IT & LOSE IT' YIELDS 6,258 DWI
ARRESTS**
More Than 199,000 Traffic and Criminal Violations Statewide During Campaign

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RALEIGH - Gov. Mike Easley announced today that state and local law enforcement officers have issued 6,258 citations for driving while impaired (DWI) during the Governor's Highway Safety Program's (GHSP) "Booze It & Lose It" winter campaign, which began Nov. 17, 2005, and ended on Jan. 1. A total of 199,960 traffic and criminal citations were issued statewide.

"I commend our state and local law enforcement officers for their hard work during this lifesaving campaign," Easley said. "Vigilant, high-visibility enforcement is the key to getting impaired drivers off our roadways. These arrests send a message that drinking and driving will not be tolerated in North Carolina."

During the campaign, officers statewide conducted more than 14,000 sobriety checkpoints and stepped-up patrols. Counties with the highest number of DWI citations include: Wake (634) and Mecklenburg (492).

While officers focused on impaired driving violations, campaign data demonstrates that they also cited motorists for a variety of other traffic and criminal offenses. Officers issued a total of 14,892 safety belt and 2,334 child passenger safety violations, as well as 68,811 speeding violations and 3,763 drug charges. Officers also apprehended 384 fugitives from justice and recovered 287 stolen vehicles.

The GHSP has finalized its schedule of traffic safety enforcement campaigns for 2006. Note that dates are subject to change, and additional events may be added:

May 22-June 4: "Click It or Ticket"

Aug. 17-3: "Booze It & Lose It"

Dec. 4-Jan. 2: "Booze It & Lose It"

Below please find a statewide citation totals for the winter "Booze It & Lose It" campaign. For county-by-county breakdowns, call GHSP Public Information Officer Beth Horner at 919-733-3083, or visit their website at: www.ncdot.org/secretary/ghsp.

"Booze It & Lose It" Statewide Totals

	DWI	Occupant Protection		Traffic Violations		Criminal Violations		Totals	Other Offenses*	
Total Checkpoints and Patrols	Driving While Impaired Violations	Seat Belt Violations	Child Passenger Safety Violations	Speeding	Total Traffic Violations	Drug Violations	Total Criminal Violations	Total Traffic & Criminal Violations	Stolen Vehicles Recovered	Fugitives Arrested
1,250 (Nov. 18-20)	586	1,378	222	5,574	13,314	324	742	16,242	25	8
2,385 (Nov. 21-27)	955	2,338	404	13,304	28,419	571	1,565	33,681	40	16
2,347	1,053	2,045	412	10,202	26,967	618	1,889	32,366	62	13

(Nov. 28- Dec.4)										
2,255 (Dec. 5-11)	986	2,399	341	9,764	25,548	682	1,773	31,047	27	45
1,926 (Dec. 12-18)	813	2,073	313	9,300	22,826	480	1,561	27,586	47	111
1,913 (Dec. 19-25)	826	2,325	298	9,981	24,068	531	1,369	28,886	32	78
2,008 (Dec. 26 - Jan. 1)	1,039	2,334	344	10,686	24,952	557	926	30,152	54	113
TOTAL	6,258	14,892	2,334	68,811	166,094	3,763	9,825	199,960	287	384

*These columns are not counted into overall total of violations.
Data compiled by the North Carolina State Highway Patrol.

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